IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

-- A first storage ~~sytem~~ system is connected to a second storage systemsytem, and an external device within the first storage systemsytem is provided to a host as a device of the second storage systemsytem. The second storage systemsytem includes a cache control section having a ~~plurality of~~ cache adaptors, each ~~of which controls~~ controlling a disk and a cache, a protocol conversion section including ~~a plurality of~~ protocol adaptors that switch requests from the host to appropriate ones of the cache adaptors, a management adaptor, and an internal network that mutually connects the cache adaptors, the protocol adaptors and the management adaptor. ~~By connecting the~~ The first storage systemsytem being connected to any of the protocol adaptors~~, the first storage sytem~~ is connected to the second storage systemsytem. The second storage systemsytem ~~selects to execute~~ executes a processing for the external device by the cache control section, or ~~to connect~~connects to the first storage systemsytem through the protocol conversion section without ~~having~~ the cache control section executing ~~execute a~~ processing for the external device. --